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SUBJECT: FONMIN KAMEL ON MOST RECENT NUMAYRI VISIT

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1. DURING MEETING WITH FONMIN KAMEL TODAY, I ASKED ABOUT
JUST COMPLETED NUMAYRI VISIT. KAMEL STATED NUMAYRI
MISSION HAS NOT RPT NOT BEEN SUCCESSFUL.

2. SYRIANS, HE NOTED, CONTINUE TO INSIST THAT SADAT MUST
PUBLICLY ANNOUNCE FAILURE OF HIS PEACE INITIATIVE BEFORE
EGYPTIAN/SYRIAN DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS CAN BE RESUMED OR
BEFORE ASAD WOULD BE WILLING ATTEND ARAB SUMMIT. ASAD
HIMSELF, HOWEVER, HAD INDICATED SADAT COULD CONTINUE HIS
EFFORTS FOR A PERIOD OF TIME IF EGYPTIAN PRESIDENT

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BELIEVES THERE IS ANY HOPE OF BRINGING ISRAELIS AROUND.
ASKED WHAT TIME-FRAME ASAD HAS IN MIND, KAMEL SAID
NUMAYRI INDICATED TWO MONTHS OR SO. IF THERE IS NO
PROGRESS BY THAT TIME, ASAD ALSO WANTS PUBLIC ACKNOWLEDGE-
MENT BY SADAT TO THIS EFFECT.

3. ALGERIANS, ACCORDING KAMEL, HAVE TAKEN SIMILAR, BUT

NOT IDENTICAL, LINE. BOUMEDIENE DOES NOT INSIST UPON
PUBLIC STATEMENT BY SADAT RE FAILURE OF ME PEACE PROCESS.
IN BOUMEDIENE'S VIEW, LETTER FROM SADAT TO THE ARAB
LEADERS SO INDICATING WOULD BE ENOUGH.

4. QADHAFI, KAMEL NOTED, HAD DECLINED TO SEE NUMAYRI.

5. ALTHOUGH NUMAYRI MISSION HAS NOT THUS FAR BEEN
SUCCESSFUL, KAMEL CLAIMED THIS WAS ABOUT ALL GOE EXPECTED
DURING INITIAL ROUND OF TALKS. NUMAYRI WILL MAKE ANOTHER
EFFORT NEXT MONTH AND KAMEL HOPED THERE MIGHT THEN BE
SOME CHANGE IN SYRIAN, ALGERIAN POSITIONS. EILTS

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